was a news items in the "Hindustan Times" under the caption, "Orissa told to stop work.". In this connection, I would like to know from the Minister whether the Chilka Aquatic Project Limited is solely a prawn project, whether this project is causing any threat to the famous Chilka Lake, its ecosystem, its environment and the aquatic bird life, and if it is not solely a prawn project, the other details of this project.

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Madam, the project consists of...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over. But you can send a reply to her.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Repatriation of Sri Lankan refugees

@*105. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Sri Lankan refugees repatriated so far; and

(b) what is the number of refugees proposed to be repatriated during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) From 20th January, 1992 to 15th May, 1992, 23, 126 refugees have been repatriated to Sri Lanka.

(b) It is not possible to project numbers as repatriation depends upon a variety of considerations viz. the convenience of Sri Lankan Government, readiness of refugees for repatriation, availability of transport etc.

@Previously Starred Question 25, transferred from 9th July, 1992.

Extremist's activities in Punjab

*106. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ultras killed or taken into custody in Punjab during the last three months, and their hideouts unearthed with or without the aid of the army;

(b) the number of extremists who have surrendered with arms during this period;

(c) the number of security personnel and civilians including women and children killed by ultras in Punjab during this period;

(d) the details of the militants outfits presently active in Punjab and the estimated number of ultras in each of these out-fits; and

(e) what is Government's latest assessments about the terrorist activities in Punjab, and whether Government have or propose to withdraw army from the affected areas of Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c) According to the information received from the Government of Punjab, 601 militants have been killed and 304 militants have been arrested during the period. During the same period, 462 civilians including police personnel, women and children have been killed. 121 militants have also surrendered in Punjab during last 3 months.

(d) Militants and militant outfits in Punjab continue to recruit new cadres to replace the losses and as such it is not possible to give any estimate in this regard.

(e) Anti-terrorist operations have been yielding satisfactory results. It would, however, be pre-mature to arrive at a definite conclusion in this regard. No decision has been taken

to withdraw the army from the affected areas of Punjab.

Allotment of LPG agencies to freedom fighters

*107. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria for allotment of LPG agencies to ex-servicemen and freedom fighters;

(b) whether any special quota is allowed; if so, what is the number of applications received by Government and also those considered so far; and

(c) what is the target for allotment of such agencies during the year 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) A special quota of 7½ per cent and 5 per cent of the total planned LPG distributorships are reserved for Defence Category including ex-Servicemen and Freedom Fighters respectively. Applications in this regard are received by the concerned selection agency and no record is maintained by the Government of such applications. The eligibility criteria for these categories are indicated below:

	Defence	Freedom Fighters
1. Nationality	Indian	Indian
2. Age Minimum Maximum	21 years 50 years	No age limit
3. Education	Matriculation or recognised equivalent	Not applicable
4. Residence	Any district in the State	Concerned District in the State
5. Income	Not exceeding Rs. 50,000 per annum	Not exceeding Rs. 50,000 per annum

In addition to the above, the candidates should produce proper documentary evidence of their being a freedom fighter, like Tamrapatra, Pension Payment Order, etc.

(c) The number of LPG dealerships will be as per the above percentages of reservation for these categories out of the total dealerships in the approved LPG Marketing Plan.

अधिक भाषाओं को संवैधानिक दर्जा

*108 **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :**
श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार मणिपुरी, नेपाली, कोंकणी, डोगरी आदि जैसी कुछ और भाषाओं को संविधान की आठवीं अनुसूची में शामिल करने के लिए संविधान, संशोधन विधेयक पुरःस्थापित करने पर विचार कर रही है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यह विधेयक कब तक पुरः स्थापित किये जाने की संभावना है ?

गृह मंत्री (श्री एस० बी० चव्हाण) : (क) और (ख) इस प्रश्न पर सरकार द्वारा विचार किया जा रहा है।

Loss of forest in Jammu and Kashmir

*109. SHRI SHABBIR AHMED SALARIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in he Daily Kashmir Times, Jammu of the 31st May, 1992 under the caption "JK may lose entire forest".

(b) what steps Government are taking to put a stop to felling of trees in Jammu and Kashmir;